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SUNRISE BEACH MAN INDICTED FOR METH

JEFFERSON CITY, Mo. – Todd P. Graves, United States Attorney for the Western District of Missouri, announced today that a Sunrise Beach, Mo., man has been indicted by a federal grand jury for possessing with intent to distribute methamphetamine.

Jason R. Tewell, 33, of Sunrise Beach, was charged in an indictment returned under seal by a federal grand jury in Jefferson City on June 17, 2005. That indictment was unsealed and made public today upon **Tewell's** arrest and initial court appearance.

The federal indictment alleges that **Tewell** was in possession with intent to distribute 50 grams or more of methamphetamine on May 3, 2005, in Morgan County, Mo.

Graves cautioned that the charges contained in the indictment are simply accusations, and not evidence of guilt. Evidence supporting the charges must be presented to a federal trial jury, whose duty is to determine guilt or innocence.

This case is being prosecuted by Special Assistant U.S. Attorney C. Douglas Shull. It was investigated by the Drug Enforcement Administration, the Morgan County, Mo., Sheriff's Department, the Versailles, Mo., Police Department and the Mid-Missouri Drug Task Force.

This news release, as well as additional information about the office of the United States Attorney for the Western District of Missouri, is available on-line at

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